

Death Notices

Dorothy E. Bertron

CORNING | Dorothy Eloise Bertron, 90, of Emertius at Painted Post, formerly of Evergreen Drive, died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012 at Founders Pavilion.

She was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II. She retired as a secretary for Corning Inc.

Survivors include a son, Stephen Bertron of Hornby.

There are no calling hours.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Burial will be in Hope Cemetery.

Arrangements are with Haughey Funeral Home.

Lucy A. Fortino

CORNING | Lucy A. Fortino, 102, of Corning, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012 at Founders Pavilion.

She owned and operated the Star Market in Corning with her husband.

Calling hours were held Monday at Carpenter's Funeral Home, LLC, 14 E. Pulteney St.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. today at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 222 Dodge Ave.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Ejvind Kjems

HARRISON VALLEY, PA. | Ejvind Kjems, 68, of Harrison Fox Hill Road, Harrison Valley, died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012.

Calling hours are 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Kenyon Funeral Home, Westfield.

Services will be held

there at the conclusion of calling hours at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Anna L. Jacoby

SAVONA | Anna L. Jacoby, 81 of Dusenberry Road, Savona, died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012 at home.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Jean Bulkley of Lingle, Wyo.; a son, Thomas Steven Jacoby of Savona; and six siblings, Tracy Rumsey, Wanda VanHusen, Glen Rumsey, Doris Smith, Roger Rumsey and John Rumsey.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Carpenter's Funeral Home, LLC, 14 E. Pulteney St., Corning, Chaplain Dan Slattery officiating.

Burial will be in Seaman's Cemetery.

Walter A. Winnie

ELMIRA | Walter A. Winnie, 75, of Alpine, died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012 at the Arnot Ogden Medical Center.

He a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and retired from Lanes Construction in Main.

Survivors include his wife, Delores E. Winnie of Alpine; two sons, Walter Scott Winnie of Campbell and Alan Winnie of Alpine; three daughters, Evelyn Winnie of Troy, Pa., Rosa Winnie of Maryland and Donna Winnie of Elmira; a sister, Adaline Steinberg of Indiana; and a brother, George Winnie of Oklahoma.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements are with Acly-Stover Funeral Home, Corning.

Theater producer, director Theodore Mann dies at 87

NEW YORK | Theodore Mann, a Tony Award-winning director and producer who was a driving force behind Circle in the Square Theatre and its school, has died. He was 87. Kay Radtke, an executive at Applause Theater and

Cinema Books, says Mann died Friday in New York of complications from pneumonia.

A co-founder of Circle in the Square Theatre, Mann in 1956 spearheaded both the acclaimed revival of Eugene O'Neill's "The

Iceman Cometh" and the American premiere of O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey into Night."

He produced or directed more than 175 plays at Circle. In 1963, he founded Circle in the Square Theatre School. - **Wire report**

IN BRIEF

Empire State Senior Games set

CORTLAND | The Empire State Senior Games will be back next year. Machell Phelps of the Cortland Regional Sports Council says local organizers have an agreement with the state giving Cortland the go-ahead for the event through 2016. Phelps says Monday officials from Rochester and Buffalo also expressed interest in hosting the games. Budget cuts forced the state to cancel the senior competition in November 2010. Cortland then took them over and formed a committee to organize the event last year. The Senior Games are for people age 50 and older. Athletes compete in golf, track and field, volleyball, badminton and swimming. More than 1,100 seniors participated last year. Uncertainty kept that total down from the previous year. This year's event is a qualifier for the National Senior Games in Cleveland.

McCarthy sets meeting

ELMIRA | Sixth District Councilman Bill McCarthy will hold a neighborhood meeting at 6:30 p.m. today at the Southside Community Center. McCarthy will give a community update and discuss residents' concerns.

Board to work on budget

BATH | The Bath Village Board will hold a budget meeting at 4 p.m. Thursday in the village hall.

Squadron open house today

BIG FLATS | The Elmira-Horseheads Civil Air Patrol Squadron will hold an open house from 7-9 p.m. today at the Wings of Eagles Discovery Center. The Civil Air Patrol is the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. All individuals ages 12 and older may join. The group provides leadership training and education in advance technologies, survival, search and rescue, radio communication, model rocketry, CPR and flight training. For details, visit www.NY283.org or call 301-1283.

Hydroponics class today

ELMIRA | The Chemung County Cornell Cooperative Extension will hold a hydroponics class for homeowners at 6 p.m. today in the extension office, located at 425 Pennsylvania Ave. The presentations will focus on the setup and use of a small hydroponic system for growing small amounts of leafy greens and herbs in the home. The class is free and open to the public. Registration is required. For details, call 734-4453.

Staff reports

OBITUARIES



ROBERT JOHN

KALENAK

Robert John Kalenak, age 83, died peacefully on Wednesday, February 22nd 2012 surrounded by family at the Bath VA Medical Center following a brief illness.

Robert was born October 25th 1928 in Syracuse, NY, the son of John and Eleanor (Tama) Kalenak. Robert was a 1946 graduate of Onondaga Valley Academy High School. Robert served two tours in the Korean War between 1946 and 1951 while attending Lemoine college in Syracuse for industrial relations between tours. His was honorably discharged for each tour. Robert married Theresa Micheals on October 8th 1955.

Robert was a successful business man and one of the founding members of Woodland Specialties, a wholesale building materials supplier located in Syracuse where he worked for many years.

Robert relocated to Bath, NY in the mid 1980's where he worked at the DEC Fish Hatchery and later as a volunteer at the VA center. He was very fond of the Bath and Hammondsport community and the surrounding Finger Lakes region.

Appreciated for his endearing and, at times, wry humor, Robert was an avid history reader, enjoyed discussing politics and observing wildlife - particularly ducks and loons. He listening to big band and jazz music, was fond of crafts and was a skilled woodworker. He had a love for Ukrainian and Polish food and looked forward to each Friday's fish fry at the Chat A Whye Restaurant in Bath. He enjoyed sports and was an unwavering and ever frustrated Buffalo Bills and NY Mets fan. He was a strong supporter of environmental causes, a generous contributor to charities, and was a religious man and devout Catholic.

He will be deeply missed by many. Robert is survived by his sister, Betty Mooney of Jamesville, NY and his five children; Robert, John, Mary, David, and Patricia (St. Onge). Robert was the proud grandfather of Abigail and Lily St. Onge of Tupper Lake, NY and Katherine Raftery of Toledo, OH.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at the Bath VA Union Chapel,

Thursday, March 1st 2012 at 1p.m. Burial will follow at the Bath National Cemetery with military honors. Condolences may be expressed at www.fagansfuneral-home.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Robert's memory to: Hospice, 11751 E. Corning Road, Corning NY 14830; www.sthospice.org.

JOSEPH GLENN CHANGOSE

SIMPSONVILLE, SC | Joseph Glenn "Papa Joe" Changose, of Greenpond Road in Gray Court SC (previously of Corning NY) passed away on February 24, 2012 at the McCalls Hospice House in Simpsonville, SC.

He is survived by his only son Joseph A (Sabrina) Changose of SC, Granddaughter Amber Changose of SC, Brother Anthony (Ruth) Changose of Almond, NY, sister Marilyn (Alfred) D'Apice of Hornell, NY, and sister Patricia Gillette of Corning NY. He also is survived by many many nieces and nephews including Great and Great-Great.

He is predeceased by his mother and father Thelma and Anthony Changose, brother Robert Changose, and brother in law Floyd Gillette Sr.

Joseph enjoyed traveling and working outdoors with his son and nephew. A memorial service will be held at a later date in SC.

LENA VINE HURD

BUTLER, PA | Lena Vine Hurd, age 93, of Butler, PA, formerly of Painted Post, NY died 2/26/12. She was born 5/29/1918 daughter of John and Cornelia Clark Vine.

She married Bernard W. Hurd originally from Painted Post. She was employed at Levalley McLeod, Elmira, NY, Bendix Corp, Elmira Heights, NY, Victory Village MHP, Painted Post.

She is survived by son William (Patricia) of Butler, PA, son Robert of Daytona Beach, FL, grandson Mark (Elisa) of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, grandson Erik (fiancee Jaime) Brookline, PA, granddaughter Meghan (Josh), Butler, PA, grandson, Shawn (Heidi), Grafenwohr, Germany, granddaughter Jessica (fiancee Mandel), NYC, NY, brother Jerry, Painted Post, NY, brother John (Velva), Hammondsport, NY, 5 great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her brother Clyde.

A memorial service will be held in Coopers Plains around July 4th (Details will follow. Burial Coopers Plains Cemetery.

A special thank you to Dee Newman of Campbell, NY. As well as the staff at SUNYview Nursing and Rehab Unit in Butler, PA.

BASES

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announced planned nationwide force reductions this month that would lean heavily on the Guard and would trim Reserve forces as well.

One focus for politicians is on Niagara Falls, where the 914th Airlift Wing of the Air Force Reserve and the 107th Airlift Wing of the New York Air National Guard share a tactical airlift mission. There are plans to reduce the number of C-130 transport planes, which has raised fears that fewer planes could leave the 107th without a mission, said Niagara Military Affairs Council chairman Merrell Lane.

Lane, whose group advocates for the base, said it is the largest employer in Niagara County and the loss of the Guard mission could

cost about 800 civilian jobs.

"Western New York has always struggled," Lane said. "And the loss of that many jobs to western New York would be - it just wouldn't be good."

Members of New York's congressional delegation advocating for the Guard and Reserve at Niagara Falls have touted the base's proximity to the Canadian border. Gillibrand and others have asked Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano for a new Border Patrol station at a Niagara Falls military base.

In a similar vein, members of Congress are lobbying against a proposed \$30 million cut to the Air Force Research Lab in Rome, touting the central New York facility's role in

cyber-security. And they have lobbied Panetta not to retire transport planes at Stratton Air National Guard Base near Schenectady.

Officials say they are concerned about every military installation across the state, though some seem immune from major cuts because they have recently gained missions or are being upgraded.

In the Hudson Valley, the 105th Airlift Wing at Stewart Air National Guard Base is receiving C-17 Globemaster cargo planes to replace an older type of transport.

The Air National Guard's 174th Fighter Wing at Syracuse has operated unmanned Reaper drones over Afghanistan since December 2009 and also has a Reaper maintenance training facility. Last fall, the wing began

flying the drones out of Fort Drum's Wheeler-Sack Army Airfield for takeoff and landing practice.

Fort Drum is home to the oft-deployed 10th Mountain Division and funding has already been approved for a new training complex to replace World War II-era buildings. Obama's budget proposal includes still more for Fort Drum, including \$95 million for an aircraft hangar and \$25.9 million for a data terminal complex for the Missile Defense Agency.

"I actually think Fort Drum will be fine," Gillibrand said, "and largely because Drum is one of the premier training bases in the whole country, including our remotely piloted aircraft training. It's one of the nation's future and expanding missions."

"Now that was fine when the stock market was doing OK," he said. "But the way it is now, it's unsustainable."

Other county issues raised Monday include:

- State shifting other costs onto county taxpayers: "It's a shell game," O'Mara said. "We have to stay alert to that ... Keep the pressure up statewide."

- Interstate 99 funding: O'Mara said the funding has been secured, and construction bids should go out this spring.

- State Capital Highway Improvement Plan funds: Palmesano said one-year extensions have been granted each of the past two years to allow funds to be used for gravel, and other "maintenance" materials. However, CHIPS funds are bonded and typically require the project lasts at least 10 years, O'Mara said.

- A decision by the state not to increase property taxes on those earning \$250,000 or more: Palmesano said the measure is supported by upstate economic development lobbyists. "Wealthy people pay less, but the (business districts) benefit."

- Medicaid reform: Longtime Medicaid recipients contribute to the problem of waste, fraud and abuse, Palmesano said. "However, 25 percent of the people receiving Medicaid account for 70 percent of the costs. And that's the elderly and disabled."

- The 2 percent property tax cap: O'Mara and Palmesano said they reluctantly voted for it because Cuomo said he would reform Medicaid if the tax cap was in place. "Now the governor has to follow through on his promise," Palmesano said.

MEDICAID

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reform for years, complaining they have no control over costs or what services are offered. The medical program that aids low-income New Yorkers is the chief contributor in the so-called "Nine for 90" - the state-mandated programs paid for by counties, absorbing more than 90 percent of taxpayers' dollars every year. In Steuben, 95 percent of all property taxes are funneled to the state.

Palmesano and O'Mara said Cuomo's budgeted Medicaid cost reduction was an improvement, but does not go far enough.

Cuomo's plan would gradually reduce the local share over four years, beginning in 2013-2014.

O'Mara said he has co-sponsored a bill to enact an immediate

freeze on the local share of Medicaid, with a complete takeover in eight years. The bill follows recommendations of the state Association of Counties and a state study last year on Medicaid costs.

O'Mara said the takeover would be a difficult fiscal burden for the state, which would have to absorb the counties' \$7.6 billion local share of Medicaid. However, picking up \$1 billion annually is "feasible as the economy improves," he said.

The state takeover also would force reform and more efficient management, Palmesano said.

Another top issue is reforming the state's pension plan, which still allows civil and school employees with the most seniority to avoid retirement contributions, Palmesano said.

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